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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: INCREASE OF CHROME ORE SHIPMENTS THROUGH DURBAN

REF: A. JOHANNESBURG 1397/76, B. DURBAN 364/76

1. NATAL MERCURY SHIPPING EDITOR REPORTED JAN 26 THAT AN
ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO EXPORT 400,000 TONS OF CHROME
ORES FROM DURBAN DURING 1977 CALENDAR YEAR. FOLLOWING TWO
SUCCESSFUL TRIAL SHIPMENTS OF CHROME ORE EARLIER, AN AGREEMENT
REPORTEDLY WAS REACHED BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND
HARBORS (SARH), THE SA CHROME PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION AND A
LOCAL FIRM, DURBAN BULK SHIPPING, AIMING AT THREE SHIPLOADINGS
MONTHLY AVERAGING 12,000 METRIC TONS OF CHROME ORE PERSHIP.
DURBAN BULK SHIPPING, WHICH FORMERLY EMPHASIZED EXPORT OF
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, SIMULTANEOUSLY ANNOUNCED IT IS DOUBLING
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ITS DURBAN STORAGE CAPACITY IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING CHROME
EXPORT PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FIRST SHIPMENT UNDER NEW
ARRANGEMENT-11,300 MT OF CHROME ORE -DEPARTED IN EARLY JANUARY
FOR U.S.

2. ALSO ACCORDING TO PRESS, FOREGOING ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE WITH
THE FULL AGREEMENT OF THE CFM (MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS AND HARBORS

AUTHORITY). DURBAN BULK SHIPPING DIRECTOR (J.BERKOW) REPORTEDLY SAID, "IT IS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT DBS IS DOING THIS MERELY TO ASSIST THE CFM. THE CHROME ORE CARGO MAY WELL MOVE BACK TO MAPUTO ONCE THEY HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH THE BACKLOG." OTHER LOCAL OBSERVERS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MAPUTO WOULD EVER CATCH UP OR THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, ONCE BEGUN, WOULD BE CHANGED.

3. COMMENT: THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY BEAR ON SARH'S EARLIER STATED POLICY THAT NEITHER THEY NOR THE SAG WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO DIVERT CHROME ORE SHIPMENTS AWAY FROM MAPUTO (PARA 4, REF A). IT MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT CONTINGENCY RE-ROUTING PLANS MENTIONED IN REF A AND OTHER JOHANNESBURG MESSAGES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED. IF ARRANGEMENT COMES ABOUT AS DESCRIBED, RESULT WOULD BE ROUGH DOUBLING OF DURBAN BULK HANDLING APPLIANCE'S EARLIER AVERAGE OF 40,000 MT OF MINERALS PER MONTH, BUT WITHIN APPLIANCE'S THEORETICAL MAXIMUM RATE OF 120,000 MT/MONTH. POST IS CURRENTLY PREPARING FRESH ANALYSIS OF DURBAN'S MINERALS EXPORT CAPABILITY WHICH, INTER ALIA, REVEALS MUCH HIGHER RATE OF EXPORT OVER DURBAN'S GENERAL CARGO WHARFS VIA CRANE AND BASKET METHOD THAN HAD EARLIER BEEN UNDERSTOOD.
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